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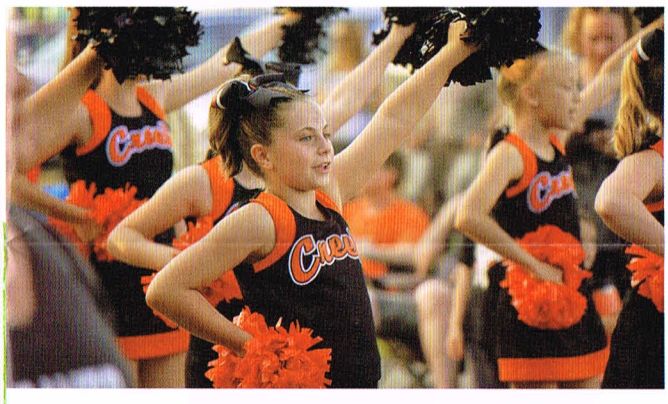

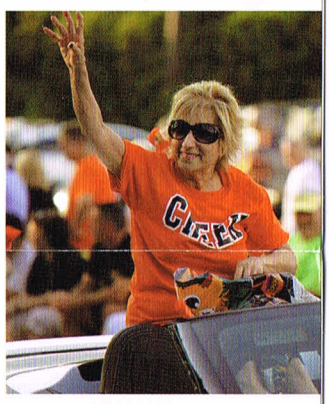

The 2019 homecoming festivities were a true celebration of Beavercreek and its residents. Organized by our Beavercreek High School Student Council, this year's parade featured over 40 entries from various clubs, organizations, and teams. Even more impressive was the continued support for victims of the Memorial Day tornados, our community came together and gave over $1,000.

Hello Beavercreek

BY PAUL OTTEN
SUPERINTENDENT OF BEAVERCREEK CITY SCHOOLS

I am happy to call Beavercreek home and lead a school district with so many positive things taking place. Walking through our buildings is proof that the dedicated people who serve our students are doing great work. Under their guidance, students are reaching their full potential in the classroom. That momentum carries over into extracurricular activities and service projects throughout Beavercreek, which create a better community for all of us.

Looking forward, a critical ballot issue for our district will be put before Beavercreek voters in March. Should we be successful with its passage, our current levy would convert to a substitute levy, which would make it permanent and would create revenue growth over time without impacting our residents. You can count on much more communication about this in the coming months, starting with this edition of Creek Connections.

A major focus this school year has been addressing the need for new learning space. Student enrollment is increasing and we must find solutions that are best for our children and this community. The Board of Education knows this and approved a new master facility plan that will enable our school district to grow and prosper. I encourage you to read more about the new master facility plan in this issue.

It is also important to remind you of our continuing efforts at improving and refining district safety measures. Recent safety drills in our buildings, with the participation of the Beavercreek Police Department, have gone exceptionally well. There is little doubt our students and staff know their roles during an emergency situation. Our administration will continue to monitor and make adjustments as necessary in order to maintain a secure learning environment.

Please take a few minutes to review the following pages for important information concerning your school district. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have as we continue through this school year.

Please follow me on Twitter @BeavercreekSupt

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Board of Education Approves New Master Facility Plan

In September, the Beavercreek Board of Education unanimously approved a new master facility plan. The plan includes construction of a new high school building coupled with adjustments to current facilities in order to accommodate growing student enrollment.

At the August board meeting, a comprehensive presentation detailing assessments of the district's current facilities, enrollment trends, community engagement and input, and the district's facility needs was presented to the Board of Education by subject experts as well as the Community Advisory Team. This team of district residents, elected leaders, school staff and local business owners explained their lengthy and thorough process of considering all options and ultimately recommended the construction of a new high school building as part of a new master facility plan.

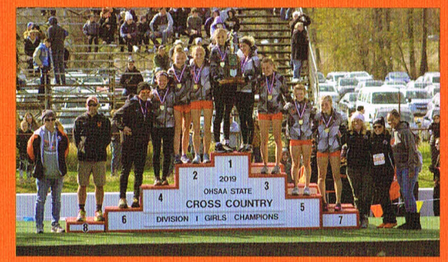
Based on research the team highlighted during the presentation, construction of a new high school would ultimately prove to be the greatest return on investment. According to Superintendent Paul Otten, "Construction of a new high school will meet the learning space needs of the district well into the future." It has also been highlighted that a new high school building would give all district students a high school that is suitable to offer modern learning experiences and a technology infrastructure to ensure they are getting the kind of education needed to prepare them for college or the workforce, allow for continued usage of all the district's existing structures, minimize disruptions to students due to construction, and provide facility adjustments that allow for a more balanced distribution of the elementary school population.

The need for a new master facility plan has never been greater. In the next 10 years, Beavercreek City Schools is expected to accommodate an additional 1,000 to 1,200 students. On average, the district's six elementary buildings are at 102% capacity. It is clear that significant student enrollment growth is affecting current facilities, far exceeding the district's ability to just make do without implementing major improvements and additions to the learning spaces to increase capacity.

To see details of the new Master Facility Plan, please visit gocreek.org.

State Championship For Cross Country

The Beavercreek High School girl's cross country team once again brought home a Division I state championship. Four of the top ten finishers were from Beavercreek including Taylor Ewert who repeats as individual state champion. We are proud of these ladies for what they have accomplished, congratulations!



Beavercreek Strong: Strength of Mind, Strength of Heart, Strength of Character, Strength of Community

The Beavercreek City Schools' vision is to Inspire, Lead, and Empower our students. One of the ways in which we do this is through our Character Education Program. Our Character Education Program is a key component to helping our students understand what it means to lead and to be good citizens. The core of the program encompasses pillars of character that include caring, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility, and trustworthiness. These values are reinforced through curriculum initiatives, activities, and service-learning opportunities that allow students to apply what they have learned into practice. Each year, Beavercreek selects a character education theme and a corresponding service-learning opportunity. Service-learning empowers our students to take a leadership role in their efforts to support their school and their community. This year's service-learning theme is ***Beavercreek Strong: Strength of Mind, Strength of Heart, Strength of Character, and Strength of Community.***

Throughout the district, students and staff will be working collaboratively with community members and organizations to promote strength of mind, heart, character, and community. At the end of the year, the focus will be on bringing the community together at Family Fun Day. This free event will take place on May 3rd, 2020 from 12pm-4pm at Beavercreek High School. There will be games, activities, bounce houses, music, vendors, community organizations, raffles, and food trucks. The purpose of Family Fun Day is to provide an opportunity for family connections and community building. The district will be posting on Twitter more information about Family Fun Day as well as highlighting the inspiring and creative activities students are doing to build strength of mind, heart, community and character. So, go to @creekcharacter to follow the character education initiative.

No New Money Levy in March 2020

The Beavercreek City School district will place a substitute emergency levy on the March 17, 2020 ballot. The levy will be worth approximately $18.5 million, which represents a little more than 18% of the school district's entire operating budget. If approved by the Beavercreek community, the levy would begin collecting January 1, 2022.

This levy was originally passed in 2015 as a typical emergency operating levy, meaning that it would have to be renewed every five years. The Board of Education has decided to ask the community to approve it as a substitute emergency levy, which would make it permanent. The levy would require newcomers to pay the same tax rate as current residents, which creates revenue growth for the school district over time.

If passed, revenue collected from the levy would pay for operational expenses, such as utilities, instructional supplies, bus fuel, and salaries. "Passage of this levy will help keep the district on solid ground financially, which will allow our students to reap the benefits of excellent classroom instruction and extracurricular opportunities", said Superintendent Paul Otten.

District Report Card Improves

Beavercreek City Schools is pleased to share highlights from the 2018-2019 report card issued by the Ohio Department of Education. The 2018-2019 report card reveals positive growth for Beavercreek City Schools, reflected in an overall grade of a B. The Ohio Department of Education releases report cards to give parents, communities, educators, and policymakers information about the performance of districts and schools. This information is used to celebrate successes and identify areas for improvements.

The Ohio School Report Card provides information on specific measures within six broad components: Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers, Graduation Rate and Prepared for Success. Districts and schools earn letter grades on each of the six components, most of the individual measures, and an overall summative rating. This helps give Ohio parents and schools a snapshot of the quality of education provided to students.

B achievement

Achievement

The Achievement component of the report card represents the number of students who passed the state tests and how well they performed on them. Beavercreek earned a B on the Achievement component, which is comprised of 25 Achievement Indicators and a Performance Index. These two measures represent whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds and how well students performed on tests overall. Beavercreek City Schools met 18 of the 25 Achievement Indicators, including the Gifted Indicator, which was met by only 50 districts in the state.

A progress

Progress

The Progress component looks closely at the growth that all students made based on their past performances. This component focuses on ensuring students learn and grow over the course of an academic school year. Beavercreek City Schools earned an A for the Progress Component, which demonstrates especially strong progress for students identified as gifted as well as those students identified as the lowest 20% statewide. The Progress component includes all state assessment data for grades 4-8, as well as high school ELA and Mathematics assessment data.

A gap closing

Gap Closing

Beavercreek City Schools Earned an A for Gap Closing. The Gap Closing component shows how well districts and schools met the performance expectations for all students, especially our most vulnerable populations of students. This component targets English language arts, math, and student graduation rates, in addition to the success of teaching English learners to become proficient in English. This measure looks specifically at Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs), which compare the performance of each student group to the expected performance goals for the group, to determine if gaps exist. Beavercreek City Schools is especially proud that all student subgroups exceeded their expected goals in the four areas measured.

A graduation rate

Graduation Rate

The Graduation Rate component looks at the percentage of students who successfully finish high school with a diploma in four or five years. Beavercreek City Schools earned an A for Graduation Rate. 95.8% of Beavercreek students graduated within 4 years, and 97.5% of students graduated within 5 years. These rates are significantly higher than the state average and also exceed the rates of our Similar Districts.

C prepared for success

Prepared For Success

The Prepared for Success component looks at how well prepared Ohio's students are for all future opportunities, whether training in a technical field or preparing for work or college. Beavercreek earned a C for the Prepared for Success component. This component is calculated based on the number of students, across 2 graduating classes, who meet a remediation-free score on the ACT, earn an Industry Recognized Credential while in high school, or who earn an Honors Diploma. Additional points are awarded for students who also earn a 3 or higher on an AP exam, or who earn at least 3 college credits while in high school.

Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers

Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers measures how well schools and districts help young students who read below grade level. The measure and component relate to Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee, which aims to ensure that all students are reading at grade level by the end of third grade. Through this initiative, school districts and community schools diagnose reading issues, create individualized reading improvement and monitoring plans (RIMPs), and provide intensive reading interventions. Beavercreek City Schools received no rating because fewer than 5 percent of the district's kindergarten students are not reading at grade level.

Plans for Improvement

Even though the district improved overall in the Achievement component of its state report card, there are always opportunities for improvement. The district began individual school building and subject area data analyses during the October professional development day to continue to improve instruction. In addition, in order to improve our district's future Prepared for Success letter grade, Beavercreek City Schools is working in collaboration with the Greene County Career Center to assist students who choose to pursue an industry recognized credential and offers students additional opportunities for ACT preparation.

Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2019

The Beavercreek High School Athletic Hall of Fame continues to preserve the long and storied tradition of our district's athletic excellence. Every year, outstanding athletes, coaches, administrators, and significant contributors are recognized and honored with membership into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Class of 2019 includes six individuals whose contributions to Beavercreek athletics are impressive. We congratulate these inductees and welcome them to an already stellar group of people.

Zach Domicone – Class of 2008 – Football, Basketball, Track

Mikaela Ruef – Class of 2009 – Basketball, Cross Country, Track

Tyler Pollock – Class of 2009 - Soccer, Basketball

David S. Wade, Jr. – Class of 2006 - Football, Wrestling

Dr. Anthony Romano – 1968-1996 Director of Staff Personnel, Announcer for Girls' Basketball Team

Joe Sumner – Contributor and Coach at Beavercreek High School 2004-2017

Please visit https://bhsahof.org/ to learn more about this year's inductees.

(Left to right) Zach Domicone, Tyler Pollock, Dr. Anthony Romano, David S. Wade, Jr., Joe Sumner

(Right) Mikaela Ruef

Get Your Golden Age Pass

Anyone who is age 65 or older can attend any regular season home athletic event or school-sponsored student performance free of charge. Show verification of age at the Beavercreek Board of Education Office, 3040 Kemp Road, and we will issue a Golden Age Pass.

From Our Friends at Creek Safe

A group of parents is working to increase security in Beavercreek City Schools by protecting the children and staff in the event of an active threat situation. Creek Safe, Inc., is a non-profit organization started in May of 2018 that focuses on raising money to purchase and install Anchorman, Inc. barricade door locks in the district's school buildings.

Chris Beck, Jennifer Beck, Scott Morgan, and Meghan Morgan started the organization after attending a school safety meeting presented by Beavercreek City Schools and first responders. At this meeting, the district's administration introduced the Anchorman, Inc. Emergency Door Barricade. Once the device is engaged, the door becomes a barrier that can withstand high velocity impacts. The device can be unlocked from the inside or through a special access key distributed to first responders from the outside. The simple yet highly effective design makes it easy for anyone to activate during a crisis.

Since its launch, Creek Safe has raised over $100,000, which has been enough to cover every classroom door in all six elementary schools and the district's two middle schools with Anchorman, Inc. Emergency Door Barricades. BellBrook Fence has graciously gifted the installation of every barricade lock purchased by Creek Safe. The final phase of the project involves raising enough money, approximately $32,000, to install the devices in Ferguson Hall and Beavercreek High School. Locks are about $150 each, which works out to be about $20 per student.

You can support Creek Safe today by visiting http://www.creeksafe.org.

Coffee With the Community

Superintendent Paul Otten will be holding monthly coffees throughout Beavercreek in an effort to meet with members of the community to share information about the district and answer questions. This is an opportunity for us to learn from you and connect with those that have an interest in our school system. We can become better when we are able to learn from others – all members of our community are critical to our success. To the right is the schedule for this school year – we hope to see you there.

Community Coffees

Date	Time	Location
Thursday November 14	9:00 a.m.	BOE-Cabinet Room
Thursday November 21	2:30 p.m.	Beavercreek Library
Monday December 2	7:00 a.m.	Starbucks-Beavercreek Kroger
Monday December 9	9:00 a.m.	BOE-Board Room
Wednesday December 18	2:30 p.m.	Beavercreek Library
Monday January 6	12:00 p.m.	BOE-Board Room
Monday January 13	7:00 a.m.	Starbuck-Beavercreek Kroger
Tuesday January 21	9:00 a.m.	BOE-Board Room
Thursday January 30	2:30 p.m.	Beavercreek Library
Tuesday February 4	12:00 p.m.	BOE-Board Room
Tuesday February 11	5:30 p.m.	Starbucks-Beavercreek Kroger
Thursday February 27	9:00 a.m.	BOE-Board Room
Monday March 2	2:30 p.m.	Beavercreek Library
Wednesday March 11	11:00 a.m.	BOE-Board Room
Tuesday March 31	7:00 a.m.	Starbucks-Beavercreek Kroger
Monday April 6	9:00 a.m.	BOE-Board Room
Tuesday April 14	2:30 p.m.	Beavercreek LIbrary
Thursday April 23	12:00 p.m.	BOE-Board Room
Wednesday April 29	5:30 p.m.	Starbucks-Beavercreek Kroger
Thursday May 7	9:00 a.m.	BOE-Board Room
Tuesday May 12	2:30 p.m.	Beavercreek Library
Tuesday May 19	12:00 p.m.	BOE-Board Room

Soccer Team Makes History

Our Beavercreek High School girl's soccer team set a state record with a 40th consecutive match without a loss or tie. This impressive streak dates back to the start of the 2018 campaign, a season that saw our district bring home a state championship. We congratulate the members of this elite squad of dedicated student-athletes.

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For additional information please call 937-429-7531, option 1.